As a long term measures, National Water Development Agency have formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins which will accrue benefits of irrigation, drinking water supply and hydro-power etc.

Accumulated funds of NSE and BSE

*27. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of savings/profits made by National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange during the last three years, exchange-wise and year-wise;

(b) what are the accumulated profits/savings of these stock exchanges to date; and

(c) how do these stock exchanges utilize these large sums?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Stock Exchange, Mumbai (BSE) and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) have intimated the details of their surplus during the last 3 years are as under:

(in Rs. Crores)

Year	Surplus of BSE	Net Profit after Tax of NSE
2000-01	5.60	67.82
2001-02	10.64	34.43
2002-03 (Unaudited)	. 20.03	33.78

(b) and (c) The accumulated surplus of BSE as on 31st March, 2003 (Unaudited) is Rs. 357.89 crores and the accumulated surplus is utilized mainly for various development needs of the Exchanges.

Facilities at tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu

*28. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop infrastructural facilities at important tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned 75 projects amounting to Rs. 15.7 crores during the Ninth Plan in Tamil Nadu. The following works for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned in the first year of the Tenth Plan— 2002-03 by the Department of Tourism:

	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Development of Park near the Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram	200.00
2. Development near the Five Rathas, Mahabalipuram	300.00
3. Works at Gingee Fort .	37.50
4. Flood Lighting at Sri Brigadeeshwara Temple, Thanjavur	16.50

The Department of Culture has sanctioned the following projects:

1. Development of Jain Temple, Torapadi, Villupuram	10.43
2. Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra	176.50
3. Madras University	50.00
4. Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for setting up of Bharat Gramodaya Darshan Park	96.75

Apart from this, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has allocated a sum of Rs. 120 lakhs for conservation of various monuments in the State of Tamil Nadu for 2003-04.

All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Government of Tamil Nadu have been requested to submit project proposals under the following schemes for the financial year 2003-04;

(1) Integrated development of travel circuits

(2) Product/Infrastructure and Destination development

(3) Assistance for Large Revenue generating projects

Government of Tamil Nadu has also been requested to formulate necessary proposals for development of Kanyakumari as a major tourist destination. It has also been decided to improve tourism-related infrastructure in Kanchipuram.

After detailed discussions and spot inspections held recently at Kanyakumari and neighbouring areas, following decisions have been taken for improvement at Kanyakumari and neighbouring areas:

(a) Protection of the Rock under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958

(b) Illumination of the Rock Memorial

(c) Setting up of suitable accommodation

(d) Organising a Cultural Function

(e) Improvement of Vattakottai Fort

(f) Improvement of beaches at Muttom, Thekkurichi, Trengapattinam, Sanguthurai and Sothavilal

Similarly after inspection of works at Kanchipuram it has been decided to take up road works at an approximate cost of Rs. 2.6 crores within the Township.

(c) Does not arise.

Short route for Kailash MansarovarYatra

†*29. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been made with the Chinese Government for opening short and self-route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra;

(b) whether any agreement or discussion with regard to increase the number of pilgrims and to provide the facilities to them have taken place during the Prime Minister's visit to China;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.